

100% Checked Baggage Screening at Logan International Airport



Starting December 31, 2002 the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is screening 100% of checked baggage at U.S. airports. At Logan International Airport bags will be screened using sophisticated detection machines housed in the special baggage screening rooms that Massport has constructed to enable the TSA to provide Logan's passengers world-class airport security and world-class customer service.

As a Logan passenger you should not notice any change. And that was our goal. The new inline system that Massport designed and built, screens baggage away from public view, increasing security without sacrificing terminal space at airline check-in counters. Even though Massport has integrated baggage screening into the existing system, there are a number of ways you can make your trip smoother and more convenient for everyone.

Smart security saves time. The airlines, airports, TSA and the entire travel industry are working together to ensure the smooth and safe passage of the American traveler.

You can help by:

- ★ **Contacting your airline for information on when you need to arrive to check in your bags.**
- ★ **Keeping all checked bags unlocked to permit security personnel to open bags that require additional inspections. Use cable or zip ties as an alternative to baggage locks.**
- ★ **Storing all valuable items in carry-on baggage or shipping them ahead. Undeveloped film should also be stored in carry-on luggage to prevent possible damage during screening.**
- ★ **Packing smart. Do not pack food, beverages, or explosive or flammable materials in checked bags. Put footwear on top of other contents and personal belongings in clear plastic bags to reduce chances of handling by TSA personnel. Do not stack books in checked baggage.**
- ★ **Referring to www.TSATravelTips.us prior to leaving home for list of prohibited items in checked and carry-on baggage.**

Q What differences will I see at the airport?

A Most people who use Logan will see no change. Massport spent \$146 million to integrate Logan's new baggage screening system within the existing system to avoid impacts on passengers and terminal space. Passengers will still check bags with attendants at the curbside or airline ticket counter. Bags will then be sent through sophisticated detection equipment located throughout the airport.

Q How will 100% baggage screening affect the way I pack my bags?

A For most people there will be no change. It is always a good idea to check the list of prohibited items at www.TSATravelTips.us and avoid contents that might make it more likely your bag would be opened for inspection. Packages may be unwrapped for inspection so wait until you arrive at your destination before wrapping gifts. Any sharp objects you pack should also be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.

Q What about locking my suitcases?

A Leave your bags unlocked. This allows TSA personnel to manually search any baggage not automatically cleared by detection equipment. The TSA is moving toward providing travelers with free, padlock-like seals that screeners can snip open if a search is necessary. But for now, travelers are advised to use cable or zip ties as an alternative to baggage locks. If a checked bag is searched, a statement to that effect will be inserted in the bag to notify the owner.

Q What about putting valuables in my checked baggage?

A Since checked bags should remain unlocked, and may be opened for inspection, valuables should always be kept in carry-on baggage or shipped by commercial mail carrier.

Q Do I need to arrive earlier?

A The new screening system may require additional time as bags are processed through electronic detection machines and possibly hand inspected. Check with your airline before leaving for Logan on when to arrive so that airline and TSA security personnel handling multiple flights can screen and load bags without unnecessary delays to your flight or others.



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